

Agreement on the Cooperation between Peking University And the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust On the establishment of the SSAT Confucius Institute

The Office of Chinese Language Council International (thereafter Hanban) and the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust of England signed an agreement on 18th October 2006 to establish a Confucius Institute to promote the teaching of Chinese language and culture in secondary schools and also in primary schools in England. With the approval of Hanban, Peking University (thereafter PKU) represents the Chinese side to work with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (thereafter SSAT) on the establishment of the Confucius Institute. After friendly negotiations, the two parties have agreed to the following:

Article 1. Goals and Objectives of the Confucius Institute

1. The Confucius Institute is a joint, not for profit educational institution.
2. The objective of the Confucius Institute is to promote Chinese teaching in secondary schools and also in primary schools in England, including assisting schools in offering Chinese courses, helping to upgrade the standard of Chinese teaching, providing training for teachers, compiling Chinese language and culture learning materials and organizing lectures, seminars and conferences on Chinese teaching and learning.
3. The Confucius Institute will encourage and organize activities to create interest in Chinese language and culture. It aims to promote the understanding of China's history, economy, philosophy, literature and current conditions to students and teachers in schools in England through activities such as Chinese culture lectures, conferences, exhibitions, seminars, Chinese film festivals, Chinese culture day, Chinese culture week, summer camps, etc..
4. The Confucius Institute organizes other supplementary activities after written confirmation by the two parties.

Article 2. Obligations of the Two Parties

SSAT is to choose five Chinese-teaching hub schools (Confucius Classrooms) in different regions in England, who will be responsible for creating and supporting networks of schools offering Chinese, making links with partners in HE and FE and thereby spearheading the development of the teaching and learning

of Chinese in their region. PKU is to designate five schools headed by the Affiliated School to Peking University to form sister schools with the hub schools of SSAT.

Obligations of SSAT:

1. To promote and develop Chinese teaching and learning in secondary and primary schools in England (including the Confucius classrooms) and provide necessary support and consultancy services in relation to Chinese teaching.
2. To provide office space and facilities for the Chinese director of the Confucius Institute when necessary and to provide a support programme and conveniences for teachers from China.
3. To provide space in the Confucius classrooms for the multimedia facilities and books to be acquired from Hanban.
4. To provide a platform for schools and teachers of Chinese by setting up and running Chinese teaching website(s) and organizing activities to support Chinese teaching on a regular basis.

Obligations of PKU:

1. To participate in the establishment and construction of the Confucius Institute and in the formulation of short-term plans and long-term programmes.
2. To keep in contact with Hanban and help with the acquisition of Chinese teaching facilities, multimedia materials and other Chinese teaching resources for SSAT.
3. To assist partner schools in England and China with Chinese teaching exchange programmes and other exchange programmes.
4. To be responsible for the selection and nomination of the Chinese CI director and help with the selection and dispatch of Chinese teachers; to help acquire return airfare, medical insurance and salaries for teachers sent to work for SSAT Confucius classrooms.

Article 3. Finance

The funding of the Confucius Institute is to be agreed by both parties, as specified in the SSAT CI development plans. The Confucius Institute has an independent bank account and the budget is to be approved by the CI steering group and reported to Hanban after approval. The budget is managed by the

co-directors of the Confucius Institute with the help of the management accountant at SSAT and is presented twice yearly.

Article 4. Management of the Confucius Institute

The directors of the Confucius Institute manage the Confucius Institute under the leadership of the steering group. The steering group consists of nine members, five from SSAT and four from PKU. The chairman of the steering group is to be appointed by SSAT and the deputy chairman is to be appointed by PKU. The Confucius Institute has co-directors. The English director is nominated by SSAT and the Chinese director is nominated by PKU.

The responsibilities of the steering group include formulating the development plan, appointing co-directors and reviewing and approving budgets. The steering group meets once or twice per year and the meeting is convened by the chairman.

The Confucius Institute has an office to be in charge of the routine work.

Article 5. Uncovered Issues

Issues that are uncovered by the present agreement are to be solved through friendly negotiations between the two parties and to be embodied in short-term plans or long-term programmes.

Article 6. Period of Validity of the Agreement

The present agreement takes effect after it is signed. It is valid for five years and will be renewed automatically for another five years unless one of the parties informs the other party in written form of terminating the agreement six months prior to its expiration. This agreement is signed in two originals, in Chinese and English versions, and both have the same legal effect.

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